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APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims (9) and (10) as follows:

- (9) (amended) An element according to claim 1, wherein pixels each formed from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.
- (10) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical modulation element of Claim 1.

Please add new claims(11) through (19) as follows:

(11) (amended) An element according to claim 3, wherein pixels each formed from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.